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SUBJECT: REQUEST FOR RELIEF FROM DUTY INCREASE ON WALL-
COVERINGS

1. THROUGH DAVID C. MURCHISON, ITS WASHINGTON REPRESENTATIVE, IMPERIAL WALLCOVERINGS, 23645 MERCANTILE ROAD, CLEVELAND, OHIO, HAS REQUESTED ASSISTANCE IN OBTAINING AUTHORIZATION FOR AN EIGHT HUNDRED THOUSAND DOLLAR ORDER OF WALLCOVERING TO BE IMPORTED INTO VENEZUELA ON THE BASIS OF THE IMPORT CHARGES IN EFFECT WHEN THE ORDER WAS RECEIVED BY IMPERIAL WALLCOVERINGS. (THE VENEZUELAN TARIFF NUMBER ON THIS ITEM IS 48.11.01.00). MR. MURCHISON'S INFORMATION IS THAT IN NOVEMBER 1976 VENEZUELA ADOPTED A BASE REFERENCE PRICE (I.E., A PRESUMED PRICE) OF THREE DOLLARS AND TEN CENTS PER ROLL OF WALLCOVERINGS UPON WHICH A DUTY OF FIFTY PERCENT AD VALOREM WOULD BE APPLIED. HE NOTES THAT FOR WALLPAPER COSTING NINETY TWO CENTS A ROLL, FOR EXAMPLE, THIS RATE HAS EFFECTIVELY BARRED U.S. EXPORTS OF THIS ITEM

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TO VENEZUELA.

2. IMPERIAL WALLCOVERINGS, THE U.S. MANUFACTURER, MAKES THE REQUEST ON GROUNDS THAT THE EFFECT OF THE INCREASE IN IMPORT CHARGES AFTER THE ORDER WAS RECEIVED HAS BEEN TO CAUSE SERIOUS DAMAGE BOTH TO ITSELF AND TO THE IMPORTER IN

VENEZUELA. IN ONE OF HIS TELEPHONE CALLS TO THE DEPARTMENT OF COMMERCE ON THIS MATTER, MR. MURCHISON INDICATED THAT THE U.S. MANUFACTURER HAD PROCEEDED WITH PRODUCTION ON THE BASIS OF THE FIRM ORDER RECEIVED FROM THE IMPORTER IN VENEZUELA.

3. PERSON IN VENEZUELAN IMPORTING FIRM WHO HAS FULL KNOWLEDGE OF THIS TRANSACTION IS GAZAR GAZARIAN, EXECUTIVE MANAGER, BAZAR BOLIVAR (KRIKOR GAZARIAN E HIJOS, C.A.), APARTADO ESTE 60994, CARACAS. PURCHASE ORDER WAS IN FOUR PARTS BEARING NUMBERS 76046, 76047, 76048 AND 76049. INBD-WBRE;5BB-ROLLS AT NINETY TWO CENTS AND INCLUDED WERE 311,500 ROLLS AT NINETY TWO CENTS AND 108,600 ROLLS RANGING IN PRICE FROM ONE DOLLAR SEVENTY CENTS TO TWO DOLLARS AND TWENTY CENTS PER ROLL.

4. ACTION REQUESTED: EMBASSY IS REQUESTED TO DETERMINE FROM APPROPRIATE VENEZUELAN AUTHORITIES THE POSSIBILITY OF OBTAINING RELIEF IN THIS SITUATION.
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